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Union, private liquor retailers partner for push to peddle pot

Tereza Verenca
For Metro | Vancouver

Recreational pot could be coming to a public or private liquor store near you.

On Wednesday, the B.C. Government and Services Employees' Union and the B.C. Private Liquor Store Association announced they're teaming up to advocate that non-medical marijuana should be sold on the same shelf as a bottle of brew.

Even though Prime Minister Justin Trudeau hasn't set a timeline for when his party will move ahead on its promise to legalize the substance, the two groups say they want to be ready.

"We do believe when this happens, it ought to be sold in the most socially responsible way possible, in an age-controlled environment with the strongest track record of checking identification," said BCGEU president Stephanie Smith during a press conference. "Just as with alcohol, there are legitimate concerns about access to marijuana by youths."

> **"It ought to be sold in the most socially responsible way possible.**
> BCGEU president Stephanie Smith on the sale of non-medical marijuana

The BCGEU represents the workers in the nearly 200 public liquor stores around the province, and warehouses and distribution centres in Vancouver and Kamloops.

The partnership — dubbed the Responsible Marijuana Retail Alliance of B.C. — hasn't taken a formal position on the marijuana issue, but envisions "producers of all sizes" selling to a central wholesaler at the Liquor Distribution Branch and then having the LDB distribute the product among stores. The model would also work with the distribution system currently in place for medical bud.

"Creating a new parallel system for the sale of non-medical marijuana will be incredibly costly, time consuming and will divert money from social programs, education and addiction treatment into an additional bureaucracy," Smith explained.

BCPLSA's Damian Kettlewell said just like the beer and wine industry, this particular tax revenue could fund a host of educational programs and public institutions. Exactly what those tax rates are and how that money will be, he added, will be up to the federal and provincial governments to decide. As for who will give the green light for the sale of marijuana in liquor stores, Smith suspects it'll be the province.

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Arrival of Syrian refugees will boost B.C. economy: Vancity

REPORT

$563M will be generated over 20 years, says credit union

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Vancity credit union hopes its new report on the positive economic impact of welcoming Syrian refugees to B.C. will reassure Canadians that accepting newcomers is the right thing to do.

The credit union estimates the 2,500 Syrian refugees who will call B.C. home by the end of February 2016 will generate more than half a billion dollars in economic activity over the next 20 years, according to the report released Wednesday.

"I think people are sometimes concerned, what will this mean, how much will this cost," Vancity senior vice-president of business development Linda Morris said. "What we wanted to show was actually, there's a really positive impact on our local economy beside the humanitarian one."

The report compiled by Simon Fraser University's department of economics used Statistics Canada data and local economic impact studies to estimate the impact of the anticipated newcomers at $563 million by 2036.

A woman tries to cross the Greek-Macedonian border near the northern Greek village of Idomeni on Wednesday. **British Columbia plans to open the province's doors to 2,500 people fleeing Syria by the end of February 2016.** GIANNIS PAPANIKOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It based its findings on research that shows immigrants tend to buy local and are more likely to start their own small businesses than non-immigrants. Plus, Canadians of Syrian origin are nearly twice as likely to hold a university degree than Canadians as a whole (48 per cent compared to 28 per cent), according to 2011 census data.

> **What we wanted to show was actually, there's a positive impact on our local economy beside the humanitarian one.**
> Linda Morris

Morris is confident in the methodology. She pointed to its analysis of a group of Lebanese people who arrived in Halifax and, through entrepreneurship, created 3.6 jobs per immigrant.

"What it demonstrates is when new people come into your local economy there are lots of impacts we haven't thought about," Morris said.

Vancity will put its money where its mouth is and offer interest-free, seven-year loans of up to $50,000 for homeowners who want to upgrade a suite for refugees. It is also working with the Immigrant Services Society of B.C. to help set up bank accounts for newcomers.

The report landed the same day as the province made commitments to help up to 3,500 refugees. B.C. will invest $2.6 million in language training and hire 30 additional interpreters, particularly those who speak Arabic, to help refugees communicate.

It will also invest $1.5 million through the Canada-B.C. Job Grant to support skills training ($1 million will be dedicated to refugees and $500,000 open to newcomers including immigrants).

It created refugee response teams comprised of settlement organizations, churches, private sponsors, educators, health care providers and employers to ensure refugees have a one-stop shop for their needs once they arrive.

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Jump for Joy mural in bad shape, needs repairs

PUBLIC ART

Artist to wait tables to make the estimated $3,500 needed

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Vancouver's rain has taken its toll on the Jump for Joy mural in the Downtown Eastside much, much faster than artist Eyoälha Baker anticipated.

Bad luck with weather — the water sealant and glue atop the collage of 300 people joyfully leaping weren't yet dry when the massive August storm hit — destroyed some of the 3,000 sheets of paper plastered onto the 100-foot-wide by 65-foot-tall wall of the single-room occupancy hotel at Abbott and Pender.

But Baker isn't ready to give up on the crowdfunded project that brought the community together, so she's getting a crash course in waitressing to raise tips to save the mural.

Baker partnered with Mark Brand at Save On Meats and will serve three or four nights a week this month at the restaurant, where she will also encourage people to buy tokens that go towards meals for those in need. All of her tips will go towards repairs.

OFF TO WORK

Baker's first shift starts Friday at 4 p.m.

Artist Eyoälha Baker in front of her Jump for Joy mural at Abbott and Pender in the Downtown Eastside. EMILY JACKSON/METRO FILE

She chose serving to raise the cash because she wants to create connections with people in the community — plus, she wasn't up for another crowdfunding campaign in the holiday season where cash can be tight.

"If people are going out anyway and they can throw in 10 or 20 bucks extra for tip, and buy tokens at the same time, it would be really cool," she said.

She originally raised $15,000 for the mural in an Indiegogo campaign, with the province, Atira and the city kicking in extra cash at the last minute. She anticipates the repairs will cost at least $3,500 since she needs to rent a lift and fencing for several days. She will use stronger glue and hopes the repairs will last at least a year.

> **"I just feel like it's too soon to let it deteriorate."**
> Eyoälha Baker

"I just feel like it's too soon to let it deteriorate," she said.

She believes it's well worth it considering the flood of emails and calls she's received from neighbours with concerns about its condition. One guy even offered to rappel down the side of the building to fix it, she said.

"This was such a huge community project — literally hundreds of people got involved," she said. "It means a lot to more than just me and I feel responsible to keep it up there."

UBC

Animal testing down

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

The number of animals used in scientific research at the University of British Columbia fell nearly 16 per cent last year, though there was a slight increase in experiments that cause moderate to severe distress, according to statistics disclosed by the university Wednesday.

In 2014, 182,115 animals were involved in 869 research and teaching protocols, a decline of 15.7 per cent from the 216,450 animals involved in 911 protocols in 2013, according to UBC.

About 62 per cent of animals involved in lab research were rodents, while nearly 22 per cent were fish and 13 per cent were reptiles and amphibians, the university stated.

More than 56 per cent of the animals were involved in experiments deemed by the Canadian Council of Animal Care (CCAC) to cause less than minor or short-term stress, like blood sampling, tagging and tracking of wild animals.

Nearly 44 per cent of animals were involved in experiments that have been determined to cause moderate to severe distress or discomfort, representing a 3.8 per cent increase over 2013.

According to UBC, the increase in these procedures is the result of more stringent reporting practices.

UBC started disclosing statistics about its animal research program in 2011 following a public appeal from animal rights group Stop UBC Animal Research a year earlier.

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Hootsuite fires 20 Vancouver workers

E-COMMERCE

Homegrown tech company promises 100 hires in 2016

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Hootsuite's headquarters in Vancouver, B.C. COURTESY HOOTSUITE

Vancouver's tech startup darling Hootsuite has laid off 20 local employees at the start of the holiday season.

The homegrown social media platform, which is widely celebrated by Vancouver officials for its unicorn status as one of the handful of Canadian tech companies that has achieved a $1-billion valuation, reportedly escorted employees out of the office Tuesday as part of a global reorganization.

"With this reorganization, we have merged some business units and cut others, which unfortunately meant we had to transition around 20 Vancouver employees out of the business," according to an emailed statement from spokeswoman Sandy Pell on Wednesday.

The purpose of the changes were to create a simpler business to support the 10 million customers around the world as Hootsuite aims to grow into a multi-billion dollar company, according to the statement.

"With this organizational change, our recent leadership additions and our continued focus on social innovation, Hootsuite is well positioned for success. In fact, we will hire more than 100 people in 2016 under this new organizational structure."

Pell did not say how many of the new jobs will be located in Vancouver.

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CRIME

Teenage boy shot near Surrey school

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A teenage boy is in hospital after he was shot near Prince Charles Elementary School on Tuesday night, according to Surrey RCMP.

At about 8:40 p.m., police responded to a report of a shooting in the 12400 block of 100 Avenue.

Once they arrived, officers found a 17-year-old boy with a gunshot wound. He was rushed to hospital in stable condition with non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

According to police, two young men approached the teen and one of them shot him in the leg.

The men are both described as white, aged 17 to 22 and about five-foot-10. They were wearing dark clothes with scarves covering their faces.

Investigators are canvassing the neighbourhood and speaking with witnesses.

Anyone with information who has not already spoken to police is asked to contact Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502 or Crime Stoppers, if they wish to remain anonymous, at 1-800-222-8477.

COMMUNICATIONS

Town that lost Internet back online

A speedy fix of Internet service has allowed a remote British Columbia town to go back to the future.

Prince George-Mackenzie member of the legislature Mike Morris says companies in the northwest region have banded together to restore online service to the District of Stewart.

He says Brucejack mine to the north has made space on its system, while a new Internet service provider is expediting the installation of a tower, brought in from Terrace, B.C.

Morris says the community of about 500 people should be back online by late Wednesday or Thursday.

The isolated town lost connectivity when a non-profit group that had provided Internet for two decades shut down on Monday, before an alternate provider could get up and running.

Mayor Galina Durant said she was concerned the town would be without Internet access for weeks.

She added that the library couldn't function and some stores weren't able to operate normally.

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The Fraser Surrey Docks seen from New Westminster. EMILY JACKSON/METRO FILE

Controversial coal port gets approval

ENVIRONMENT

Fraser Surrey Docks granted permit despite opposition

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Port Metro Vancouver has approved a controversial plan to export thermal coal from the shores of the Fraser River in Surrey.

Fraser Surrey Docks received permission this week to build a taller vessel loader in order to load coal directly onto oceangoing vessels from its facility. Its original proposal, which was approved in summer 2014, was to load the coal onto barges and transport it to Texada Island before transferring it to ships.

The port says the change will result in approximately 80 oceangoing ships annually instead of 640 barges.

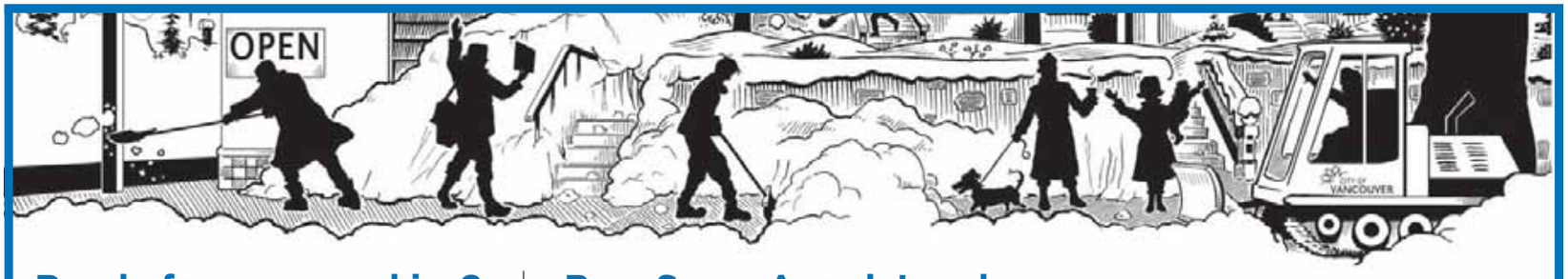
The facility will ship up to four million metric tonnes of U.S. thermal coal to Asia annually. The final approval comes after more than three years of consultation and environmental studies.

But many neighbours and environmental groups aren't impressed by the plan. Thousands expressed opposition this summer, vocalizing concerns about the specific local impacts and general climate change impacts of burning coal, according to the company's summary of the consultation.

Laura Benson of the Dogwood Initiative noted the irony of approving a coal export terminal as world leaders gather in Paris to try to negotiate actions to halt climate change.

"If port leaders were trying to sneak this one under the radar, they picked the worst possible week for the announcement. The entire world is looking at Paris and thinking about climate change while at home in B.C., we're promoting the export of the world's worst carbon fuel," Benson said in an email.

Benson called on the federal government to reconsider the assessment process for such projects, which she said contradicts the new federal government's climate goals.



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Children of war on their way

SYRIAN REFUGEES

Families await flights to Canada in Irbid, Jordan

Here are the children of war. Some were born in exile in Jordan, while others watched their homes in Syria being destroyed and then had to flee the conflict with anxious parents and frightened siblings.

Now their young lives are about to undergo another profound transformation.

If all goes well, these children — and their families — will be resettled in Canada, once Canadian officials in Amman complete medical and security screening and issue them immigration documents.

The children, from five different families from towns in southern Syria, have been living in Irbid, in northern Jordan, and were photographed by Canadian Press journalist Paul Chiasson.

Some are coming to Canada under the private sponsorship program, while others are in the government-sponsored stream.

The refugees know how fortunate they are. As Canada's massive humanitarian mission gets underway, other Syrians are calling the International Organization of Migration, begging to be among the 25,000 Syrians Canada has promised to bring here by the end of February.

"Syrians are reading about the Canadian mission in the press and they are very media savvy. Word gets out fast. We have to tell them to take their case to the UN," said Craig Murphy, with the IOM in Jordan.

On Sunday the IOM opened a processing centre on behalf of Canada in a military hangar in Marka, north of Amman. Officials have begun interviewing hundreds of Syrians a day.

The first plane of Syrian refugees is expected to be in the air by mid-December, said Murphy.

Refugees from both Jordan and Lebanon will fly through Amman, boarding Royal Jordanian charter flights in groups of 300 or 350 bound for Toronto or Montreal.

"As soon as we have a threshold of 300 people who are travel-ready we will have our first charter flight," said Murphy. "I expect a very quick turnaround time."

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is in charge of referring the cases to the IOM, for a second set of interviews. The UN is focusing on families, single women and the most vulnerable, following Ottawa's direction.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

1 Tammim, 6 — His family came to Jordan in 2013, after heavy shelling in their village. **2 Abedr, 2** — She is the youngest of four. Her father lost both his businesses in Syria to violence and shelling. **3 Braa, 3,** — Her family was originally hoping to go to the U.S. but now favour Canada becuase they feel it will be more welcoming towards Muslims. **4 Mohammad** — He is baby brother of Tammim and was born in Jordan. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

1,015

The number of permanent resident visas issued, but refugees have yet to arrive.

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The number of text messages sent to potential refugee applicants interested in coming to Canada.

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The total number of Syrian refugees who have arrived in Canada.

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BROKEN BONDS | PART III

Former inmate and prisoner advocate Mo Korchinski. The idea of mothering a child while in jail "forced you to look deep ... and that started the healing process," she says. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

For incarcerated women, motherhood can be life-changing. One jail in B.C. was helping inmates make the most of that opportunity. Now, the fight is on to ensure that it still can.

'Everybody needs hope'

Sidney Cohen
For Metro

"If you consent to this call being recorded, and if you accept this call as a collect call, dial one now."

It's June 10, and the automated message indicates Melody Hutchinson is calling collect from a payphone inside Alouette Correctional Centre for Women.

Hutchinson is 25 and indigenous, from Trail, B.C. She is pregnant and due to give birth about two weeks before her release at the end of July.

Hutchinson is trying, desperately, to access Alouette's mother-baby program, which allows women who give birth while incarcerated to live with their children inside jail.

"They're not even giving me a chance. My son's not even born yet. People make mistakes, but people change," Hutchinson says.

The program ran from 2005-2008 before being shut down. Inmates then challenged the closure in court, on constitutional grounds. In 2013, a B.C. Supreme Court judge ruled that cancelling the program violated the charter rights of mothers and babies to be together.

Following a $163,000 renovation, B.C.'s Ministry of Justice announced the reopening of Alouette's mother-baby unit in June 2014. But since then not one inmate has been allowed to participate.

Hutchinson says she has been in and out of jail since she was a teenager and had a "crazy childhood." Her father was a musician who travelled a lot when she was young, she says, and her mother was an addict. She spent time in foster care and youth corrections. She tried crack for the first time at age 13.

Hutchinson has two other young children who live together with adoptive parents in Coquitlam. When she found out she was pregnant for a third time last fall, Hutchinson says, "I just wanted to change my life. I was freaked out and I didn't want to lose my son."

> **It doesn't take rocket science to keep a baby with a mother. It takes motivation at the top levels.**
> Dr. Ruth Elwood Martin, UBC Centre for Prison Health and Education

In February, Hutchinson says, she relapsed after several months off drugs.

Her brother was about to go to jail for a long time on weapons charges, and they partied on and off for three weeks. She was arrested in March for theft breaching her bail.

"All I want them to see is that I'm trying," Hutchison says. "To have someone from the ministry be like, 'You know what, we're here to help you, OK? And if you can commit to this goal, than we will help you succeed.'"

Time's up and the call is cut.

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Hutchinson served four months at Alouette. She gave birth on July 5, but her baby boy was not admitted to Alder, Alouette's mother-baby unit. Instead, he was put into foster care.

Decisions about who can participate in the program are made by B.C. Corrections on a case-by-case basis. The branch looks at "each woman's risk assessment, history of offences or any court orders prohibiting contact with children," said a B.C. Ministry of Justice spokesperson in an email sent June 3.

If there's a suggestion the child may be at risk, the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) will get involved.

"If a woman has applied to the Mother-Child Program and MCFD has child protection concerns, BC Corrections waits for MCFD's independent decision to be made before finalizing the application," wrote another justice ministry spokesperson.

While she was pregnant at Alouette, Hutchison took life-skills classes, she signed up for outpatient drug treatment, and she got letters of support from her lawyer and her father.

But MCFD was skeptical.

"They're basically saying there's not enough supervision, that I'm high-risk for my kid," she said during the June 10 phone conversation. "I'm just so freaked out."

Dr. Ruth Elwood Martin is director of the University of British Columbia's Collaborating Centre for Prison Health and Education and was a physician at Alouette during the mother-baby program's first iteration. She says that, in order for the program to work, all the ministries need to be on board.

"What needs to happen is political will to have the different ministries — Health, Children and Family Development, Justice — to actually collaborate over finding a way to keep the babies with their mothers while the mothers are incarcerated."

Brenda Tole, a former Alouette warden who oversaw the creation and operation of the mother-baby program, agrees.

"You have to have the initiative to work with all of those ministries and community agencies to bring back all that support, and I'm not sure ... if the will is there to do that. What's happening right now is they're just saying that the Ministry of Children and Families is not supportive, it's not in the plan. Well, really, their only other plan is foster care and that's a terrible outcome," she says.

"I almost wish that a lot of the people who have control over this could have a direct conversation with someone that's lost their baby."

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Advocates say that Alouette, though not ideal, is a practical place in which to introduce a woman to motherhood and to teach approaches to parenting.

The jail's premises are surveilled 24 hours a day, there is a drug-and-alcohol counsellor and parenting classes, and the health care centre is attached to the mother-baby unit.

Mo Korchinski, a prisoner advocate and former Alouette inmate, says that a lot of women entering jail have lost hope. They are living on the streets, killing themselves slowly with drugs and alcohol.

Like many addicted women who wind up in jail, Korchinski lost her kids when she became an addict. "(The mother-baby program) forced you to look deep," she says. "And those feelings of a mother — you couldn't deny them anymore 'cause it was right in your face, and that started the healing process."

A recent Statistics Canada report found that 94 per cent of women in provincial jails struggle with substance abuse.

"Where is it going to change?" Korchinski asks, and then emphatically answers her own question: "It changes with the mother-baby program, because these women now have hope. ... Everybody needs hope and everybody needs a purpose in life."

This summer UBC's prison-health centre published a set of guidelines and best practices for prison mother-baby programs. Advocates hope the guidelines will help meaningfully reactivate the Alouette's program, which, despite the province's assurances that it is available, has not hosted any of the three mothers, including Melody Hutchinson, who have given birth at Alouette since the program's 2014 reopening.

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Today Hutchinson is working full-time and living in Terrace B.C., near her father. She's struggling to recover her son from the foster family he was placed with while she was in jail.

"Her son's here in Maple Ridge and they won't transfer him up," says Korchinski, who's trying to help Hutchinson get custody of her baby. "She has to take a 28-hour Greyhound bus ride down here to see him, and she gets a two-hour visit a day, and she has to take a week off at work."

Korchinski says Hutchinson's going to keep fighting to get her son back, but it's harder now that he's growing attached to his foster family.

Each time Hutchinson visits her son, Korchinski says, she will "go through that all over again."

"I was with her when she went and visited him. I was in tears for her."

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Shooting in California centre leaves 14 dead

How the day unfolded

• Lt. Rich Lawhead said Wednesday that a call came in just before 11 a.m. that multiple shots had been fired in the area of the Inland Regional Center. Lavinia Johnson, executive director of the Inland Regional Center, told CNN that somebody pulled the fire alarm, and shortly after, the building went into lockdown.

• FBI agents and other law enforcement authorities converged on the centre and searched room to room for the attackers, but they had apparently escaped.

Several people locked themselves in their offices, desperately waiting to be rescued by police, after the gunfire erupted. Some texted their loved ones or telephoned them and whispered to them what was going on.

• As the manhunt went on, stores, office buildings and at least one school were locked down in the city of 214,000 people about 100 kilometres east of Los Angeles, and roads were blocked off.

• The Inland Regional Center provides services for more than 30,000 people in the region with developmental delays and their families, and employs 670 staff according to its Facebook page.

• Brandon Hunt, an employee at the Inland Regional Center, told CNN that there was a banquet for county personnel inside the building and that the shooting happened in the auditorium.

There were about 500 IRC employees inside the building, Hunt said. "Employees were locked in offices, closets, just to try and stay safe," he said.

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SAN BERNARDINO

Police say two suspects have been killed

A man and a woman connected to a mass shooting that left 14 people dead and 17 wounded in San Bernardino were killed in a firefight with police officers after a car chase Wednesday, authorities said.

The alleged assailants were chased through San Bernardino by a crush of city and federal law enforcement officers around 3 p.m. local time.

San Bernardino Police Chief Jarrod Burguan said the suspects fled from a home in Redlands as police arrived to search the residence. Officers pursued them back into San Bernardino, leading to a shootout that left both suspects dead and one officer wounded. The officer is expected to survive.

A federal law enforcement source said the suspects hurled pipe bombs and other improvised explosive devices at police during the vehicle pursuit.

Late Wednesday, a law enforcement official identified one of the suspects as Syed Farook. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

A third person was detained in the area where the pursuit ended. That person's connection to the shooting was unknown.

"We have a pattern now of mass shootings in this country that has no parallel anywhere else."
U.S. President Barack Obama

The chase came just four hours after assailants opened fire at a holiday party at the Inland Regional Center, a social services office that aids people with developmental disabilities.

A senior federal official said investigators believe one of the shooters left the party after getting into an argument and returned with one or two armed companions. Local officials said it was not clear if the people involved in the dispute were the same people involved in the shooting.

The shooters carried long guns and wore masks when they opened fire on a gathering of San Bernardino County health department employees around 11 a.m., a county official said.

A black sport-utility vehicle was seen fleeing from the office complex where the shooting occurred. Shortly before 3 p.m., police began pursuing a black SUV in San Bernardino.

TV footage showed dozens of heavily armed police officers approaching the SUV, and officers in tactical gear could be seen stalking through a San Bernardino neighbourhood.

A body could be seen lying in the street near the vehicle. Blood was pooling nearby and a weapon was lying just feet away.

The motive for the attack remains unclear. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE/THE LOS ANGELES TIMES WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1 **A SWAT team** arrives near the scene of a shooting in San Bernardino, Calif. As many as three gunmen opened fire at a social services facility. 2 Women speak with a firefighter at the **triage area** 3 **A police helicopter** hovers over the Inland Regional Center. LOS ANGELES NEWS GROUP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIDDLE EAST

ISIL targeting homosexuals

Before a crowd of men on a street in the Syrian city of Palmyra, the masked Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) judge read out the sentence against two men convicted of homosexuality: They would be thrown to their deaths from the roof of the nearby Wael Hotel.

He asked one of the men if he was satisfied with the sentence. Death, the judge told him, would help cleanse him of his sin.

"I'd prefer it if you shoot me in the head," 32-year-old Hawas Mallah replied helplessly. The second man, 21-year-old Mohammed Salameh, pleaded for a chance to repent, promising never to have sex with a man again, according to a witness among the onlookers that sunny July morning.

"Take them and throw them off," the judge ordered. Other masked extremists tied the men's hands up and blindfolded them. They led them to the roof of the four-story hotel, according to the witness, who spoke in Reyhanli, Turkey on condition he be identified only by his first name, Omar.

Notorious for their gruesome killing methods, ISIL reserves one of its most brutal for suspected homosexuals. Videos it has released show militants dangling men over the precipices of buildings by their legs to drop them head-first or tossing them over the edge. At least 36 men in Syria and Iraq have been killed by ISIL militants on charges of sodomy, according to the New York-based OutRight Action International.

A 26-year-old Syrian gay man told The Associated Press that even two years after fleeing to Turkey, he wakes up shaken by nightmares that he is about to be hurled from a building. The man spoke on condition that he be identified as Daniel Halaby, the name he now uses in his activism tracking ISIL atrocities.

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IN BRIEF

U.K. votes to launch airstrikes over Syria

British lawmakers voted by a wide margin Wednesday to join the international campaign of airstrikes against the ISIL in Syria, after Prime Minister David Cameron asserted that bombing the "medieval monsters" in their heartland would make Britain safer.

The 397-223 vote in the House of Commons means Royal Air Force fighter jets — already operating against ISIL in Iraq — could be flying over Syria immediately.

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FIGHTING ISIL

Kurds' leading role complicates alliance

Drawing on thousands of combatants from Syria's mix of religious and ethnic groups, a U.S.-backed alliance called the Syrian Democratic Forces has emerged as the most effective fighting force against the ISIL group.

But the dominant role of Kurdish fighters in the alliance is a concern for majority Sunni Arab factions and their regional backers, raising questions about the group's future role in a broader political context in Syria.

The coalition already faces opposition from other groups fighting to topple President Bashar Assad because those groups widely distrust the Kurds.

And while the coalition has been capturing territory steadily in northern Syria from extremists, it is hampered greatly by its inability to retake areas with a majority Sunni Arab population.

In a devastated landscape where extremists and Islamic groups largely preside, the Syrian Democratic Forces are the closest thing to an inclusive and moderate fighting force in Syria.

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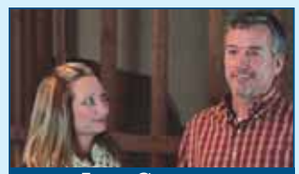

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Computer science is now child's play

EDUCATION

Kindergarten kids learning programming in new push

Moving her finger over the laptop trackpad, six-year-old Lauren Meek drags and drops a block of code to build a set of instructions. She clicks the "run" button and watches as the character moves through a maze. She then pumps her fist in excitement.

"Yes! This is so easy," says Meek, a kindergartner at Marshall Elementary in Marysville, north of Seattle.

This fall, most elementary school students in the Marysville School District are getting 40-minute weekly computer science lessons as part of their core instruction — part of a growing effort nationwide to expose more public school children to computer science, even as early as in kindergarten.

Fifth grade students work on programming during their computer science lesson at Marshall Elementary School in Marysville, Wash. The school joined a growing movement across the U.S. to expose more children to computer science. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Backed by technology leaders, nonprofits and companies, schools in New York, San Francisco and other cities have committed to offer computer science in all grade levels.

Currently, computer science is taught in only about one of four high schools nationwide with fewer in lower middle and elementary school grades. And only 27 states allow a computer science course to be counted toward graduation requirements in math or science, according to Code.org, a Seattle-based national non-profit.

But there's been a surge in interest in recent years. In 2015, nearly 49,000 students took the Advanced Placement exam in computer science, a 25 per cent increase from the previous year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEB CULTURE

Yahoo travels road taken by ex-rivals

Yahoo Inc. is mulling selling off its web portal and search engine, the brands that defined its rise in the late 1990s. Here's a look back to those heady dot-com days to explore Yahoo's former competitors.

ASK JEEVES: Launched in 1998, it invited users to type in a full question for a more organic kind of query. By 2006, the company "fired" Jeeves and morphed into Ask.com.

AOL: It provided dial-up service to millions in the second half of the 1990s. In 1998, it bought Netscape and in 2001 merged with Time Warner. Things went south from there. Broadband gobbled up its dial-up customers and the dot-com bubble decimated its stock value.

ALTAVISTA: One of the first search engines in the late '90s, it was snapped up in 2003 for a mere $140 million. Subsequently bought by Yahoo!, it folded into that search engine's index, and officially died in 2013.

MSN: Launched by Bill Gates the same day as Windows 95, it is one of the few early pioneers to endure. MSN is still the gateway to millions of Hotmail and Outlook accounts.

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Ford pickup trucks top most-stolen list

An insurance industry association says pickup trucks are the hottest vehicle for thieves.

The Insurance Bureau of Canada says the Ford F-350 and F-250 models take up nine spots on its top 10 list of most frequently stolen vehicles. The other vehicle is a Cadillac Escalade SUV.

The insurance association says Canadian border guards are seeing shipping containers stocked with car and truck parts in an effort to fool inspectors.

They say they have recovered more than $10 million in stolen vehicles at the ports this year.

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IN BRIEF

Complaints regarding wireless services drop

Canadians had fewer official complaints about their wireless communication services but more concerns about their Internet plans, according to the latest report from the telecom industry's consumer watchdog.

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BoC keeps rate at 0.5%

The Bank of Canada left its interest rate unchanged at 0.5 per cent Wednesday, saying Canada continues to deal with low commodity prices.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON THE BETA-VERSION LIBERAL GOVERNMENT

“In his new role, Justin Trudeau is turning out to be a bit of an Energizer bunny. His batteries don’t seem to run out. Time will tell if his on/off switch functions as well, if at all.

It’s really a beta version of his government that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is introducing to the House of Commons this week.

More than half of his ministers are taking a seat in the Commons for the first time on Thursday and a good number of them cannot yet count on the backing of a full staff to see them through their parliamentary baptism of fire.

It has barely been a month since they have all been sworn in.

Jean Chrétien, who was first elected in late October 1993, did not reopen Parliament until almost three months later.

In 2006, Stephen Harper gave himself more than two months before his minority Conservative government entered the Commons.

In his new role, Trudeau is turning out to be a bit of an Energizer bunny. Like the rabbit in the iconic commercial, his batteries don’t seem to run out. Time will tell whether his on/off switch functions as well, if at all.

The prime minister is eager to bring in the targeted family tax cuts he campaigned on. Those — along with the costs of the Liberal Syrian refugee resettlement plan — are to be put to votes over the short parliamentary sitting.

But in practical terms, that could have waited until after the new year with little harm done to the 2016 tax planning of Canadians or to the capacity of the government to spend on resettling refugees.

Similarly, the parliamentary committees Trudeau plans to put in place to deal with time-sensitive files such as medically assisted suicide or the Trans-Pacific trade deal will be hard-pressed to accomplish much between now and the first weeks of January.

In opposition, Trudeau revelled in his life on the road — outside the Parliament Hill fishbowl. His sense that the fortunes of his government will not necessarily play out on the stage of the Commons may account for his willingness to treat this first sitting more as an audition than a definitive production.

Before this fall, no federal party had ever jumped from third to first place. It is possible that few anticipated the magnitude of the staffing challenge that stood to result from that feat.

The Liberal support crew that crossed the aisle from opposition to government along with Trudeau was the smallest ever. From 36 offices in opposition, the party in government now has to fill positions in 184, including 31 ministerial suites plus the Prime Minister’s Office.

The civil service was always going to play a larger role in the affairs of a Liberal government than it did under Stephen Harper. In these early days, it is doing so as much by default as by design.

The other collateral consequence of Trudeau’s decision to hit the ground running has been to consolidate the already uncommonly strong links between his administration and Kathleen Wynne’s Ontario government.

Much of the intellectual and strategic impetus behind his victory hailed from Queen’s Park’s Liberal backrooms and it is the place the new government has turned to for seasoned staff.

Ontario is lining up to be the major presence in Trudeau’s corridors of power what Quebec was in the days of his father, Brian Mulroney and Jean Chrétien.

Past federal governments had an adversarial relationship with their Ontario counterparts. But for a rare time, the Liberals are in power at tandem at Queen’s Park and on Parliament Hill. For better or for worse, the close ties between the two governments could become a defining feature of Trudeau’s mandate.

As Liberals pour into the national capital, the other parties are undergoing a brain drain of sorts.

NDP campaign chief Anne McGrath has migrated to Edmonton and Alberta’s New Democrat government. Thomas Mulcair’s chief-of-staff, Alain Gaul, has gone back to Montreal.

The Bloc Québécois has lost the party’s second-in-command, Catherine Fournier, to PQ leader Pierre Karl Péladeau and the national assembly.

With no Conservative government in any of the four larger provinces, hundreds of former aides to the previous government make up a wandering army of political orphans.

A hyperactive prime minister may be just what the opposition parties need to get over their post-election doldrums.

Ontario is lining up to be the major presence in Trudeau’s corridors of power.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

THE MICROTREND: Turning the frown upside-down

And you thought *your* yearbook photos of years past were embarrassing. In the 1910s, a murderous stare and toothless grimace were the norms. Researchers at the University of California and Brown University have published a digital analysis of 37,000 senior yearbook portraits from 1905 to 2013. They found the corners of our mouths have been steadily turning upwards for a century. Thanks to our increasingly casual culture — and perhaps modern dentistry — smiles have gotten wider, jollier and more revealing of pearly whites, with a noticeable shift around the 1940s. Smiling in snapshots was once considered idiotic and embarrassing. Richard Beard, the owner of Britain’s first portrait-photography studio, instructed his 19th-century subjects to set their mouths in a stern line by saying not “cheese” but “prunes.” SOURCE: THE WASHINGTON POST

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

The Pirelli calendar isn’t a feminist victory. It’s all about Annie Leibovitz.

It’s ridiculous to call the calendar a calendar — or even the product of Pirelli, the high-end tire company that pays for it.

It’s all about Annie Leibovitz.

In the past, the company has let photographers do as they please while shooting the annual calendar/marketing ploy/exclusive photography collection that is reportedly only gifted to 20,000 VIPs.

Mostly, photographers shot sexy, naked or half-naked models. Even Leibovitz opted for clothes-free women in 2000, when she first shot the calendar, though her work then was on the artsy end of the nude-pictorial continuum.

This time she’s produced 12 moving portraits of mostly clothed women, chosen not for their erotic power but for their economic or cultural might.

“This calendar is so completely different,” Leibovitz says in a promotional video.

But the difference is not so much a sign of the times as a sign of Leibovitz’s politics.

“Believe me, I do not think naked girls are going out of fashion,” says writer and subject Fran Lebowitz, before jumping on the bandwagon: “But it’s interesting that people are interested in different ways of looking at women.”

Are they? Or are they interested in being associated with Leibovitz, one of the world’s most respected and highly paid photographers? She personally invited the calendar’s models — a comic star, a Hollywood producer, a tennis sensation, a modern-art matriarch. Many of them told the media that it was the chance to work with Leibovitz that persuaded them to pose.

Other women, and similar portraits, could have been shot a decade ago. There’s nothing about this moment that’s inhospitable to sexualized nudity, except, perhaps, the fear of being cliché. It’s more a question of taste, in other words, than of politics.

If anything, you might hail this as a moment not for women, but powerful women, a depiction of female accomplishment at rarefied levels. That Leibovitz might want to celebrate that subculture shouldn’t surprise — she belongs to it.

“To pay tribute to women at all ages who have accomplished something, it’s quite a statement,” says the Iranian artist and subject Shirin Neshat in the video.

Not quite. Yes, we should absolutely acknowledge women’s accomplishments. We should absolutely celebrate beauty, clothed. But neither should be construed as synonymous with women’s status in general.

The new Pirelli calendar is either Annie Leibovitz’s ode to women of power, or their ode to Leibovitz, or both, destined for the walls of the elite few.

And Pirelli? It just wants to sell tires.

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Moz gets award for bad sex writing
Morrissey wins annual Literary Review Bad Sex award for a scene in his first novel, List of the Lost.

Five quirky books to gift

Twisted cat poetry only Charles Bukowski could have come up with and life lessons from Little Miss are among the holiday season's more unusual books. Here are five suggestions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

1 On Cats by Charles Bukowski, edited by Abel Debritto
This anthology of the late writer's poems and short prose honours the animals that touched his soul. From Ecco, an imprint of HarperCollins, $25.99.

2 Hillary Rodham Clinton Presidential Playset, illustrated by Caitlin Kuhwald
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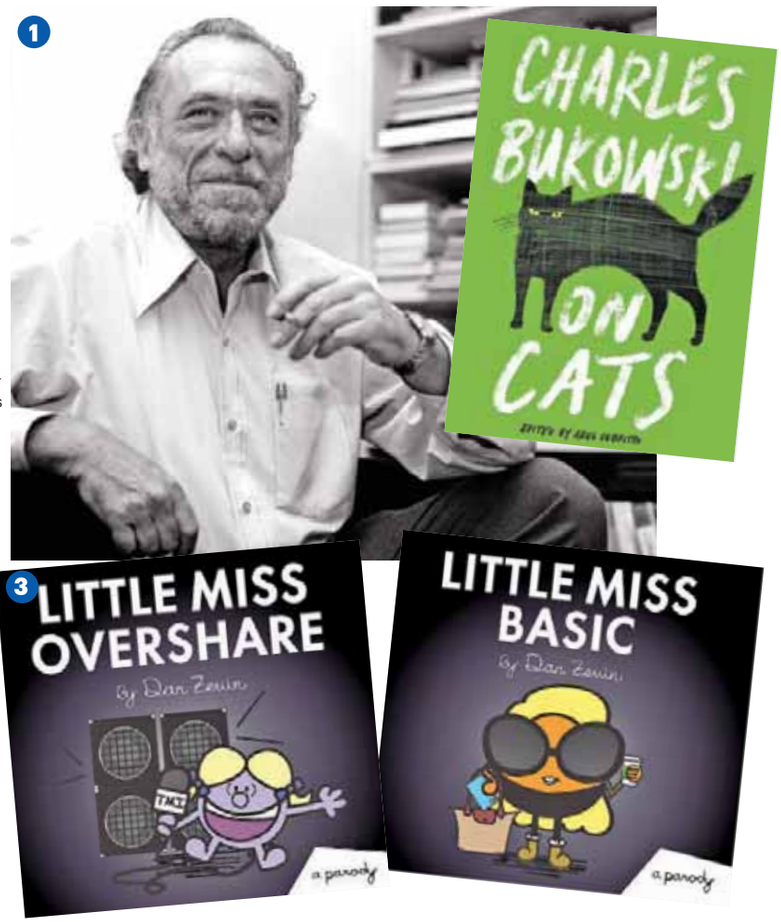

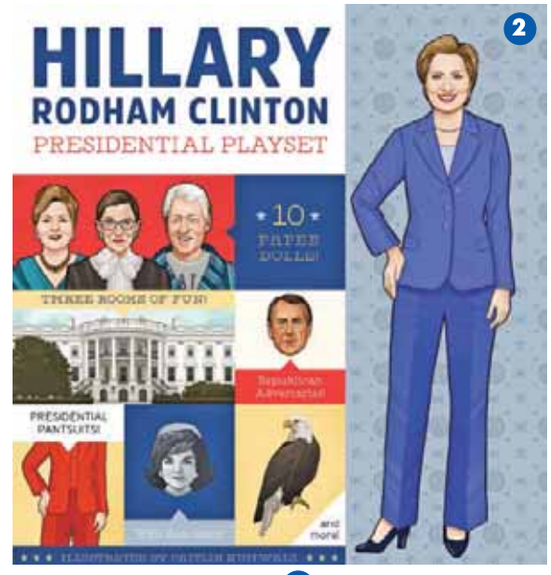

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Montreal mob boss story coming to small screen

TRUE CRIME

Reporter's book about Vito Rizzuto's life adapted for miniseries

A miniseries about Montreal mob boss Vito Rizzuto, left, is being adapted from a book by Peter Edwards, right. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Independent Canadian production company New Metric Media has optioned the rights to a bestselling book about the final years of Montreal mobster Vito Rizzuto's life.

Bad Blood, which is currently in development, will be based on Business or Blood, a book penned by true-crime writers Antonio Nicaso and veteran Toronto Star reporter Peter Edwards.

Turning the book into a miniseries, Edwards said, meant bringing in "people who really, really knew Montreal because in a way Montreal is almost like a character in this."

The book tells the story of Rizzuto's "last war," after he emerges from prison — where he was sent in 2006 for his role in a decades-old murder in Brooklyn — with a choice: Would the 66-year-old Montreal mob boss try to rebuild his empire after his stint behind bars, or seek revenge for the killings of his son, father and other members of his criminal enterprise?

> **The beauty about golf ... it's very hard to bug a golf course**
> Author Peter Edwards says of the many meetings Vito Rizzuto held on golf courses

"We wondered what it was like for a control freak who, up until this point, has had a pretty easy life, what's it like for him to be stuck in a prison and someone murders his eldest child and he can't do a thing about it?" Edwards said about his and Nicaso's starting point for the book.

"How would he feel when he's totally helpless? And then we wondered what's he going to do when he gets out of prison?"

Edwards said Rizzuto was particularly interesting because he defied several mobster stereotypes: he wasn't physically violent, he had connections to top businessmen and politicians, and he held many meetings on golf courses.

Rizzuto died at age 67 of natural causes in 2013. At his funeral in Montreal, one of the flower arrangements was in the shape of a golf bag, a nod to that favourite pastime.

"He played golf 100 times a year, a lot of times in the Dominican Republic," Edwards said. "The beauty about golf is that it's very hard to bug a golf course. . . . So a lot of what he did was there and golf really made sense for him.

"He wasn't a beat-'em-up type of guy, he was a thinking type of guy."

The writers are making sure the miniseries reflects that difference. "It's not looking down to a bunch of typical gangsters, but more looking into boardrooms and law offices," Edwards said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Creating a world to disappear inside

NEW RELEASES

Bestselling author Kate Morton writes to please herself

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

In her heart, Kate Morton has always viewed herself as a mystery writer. Together, the Australian author's five books have sold more than 10 million copies worldwide, placing her on the blockbuster podium alongside thriller writers such as Paula Hawkins and Gillian Flynn. But Morton's Gothic, romantic settings and historical time periods have made her books tough to classify — not that it matters to her multitude of fans.

"I don't think I'm officially part of the mystery-writing community in terms of how publishers see me or how booksellers position me," Morton says.

"My books contain history, but aren't really historical fiction. They contain mystery but they contain characters' stories, too. And they don't necessarily have that fast pace. But all my books start — along with character and setting — with a mystery."

That attitude might change with her latest novel. The Lake House contains all the signature elements of a Morton story: a crumbling British manor, duel timelines linking past and present, and a female protagonist burdened with family secrets. But the story twists and weaves up until the very last pages, as it connects Sadie Sparrow, a detective who becomes obsessed with a case involving an abandoned child and her missing mother, with Alice Edevane, an elderly crime novelist who is harbouring information surrounding the unsolved disappearance of her infant brother, decades earlier.

"I wanted to make a much more explicit attempt at writing a mystery story," says Morton. "I wanted to have fun with this and make one of my characters one of those real grande dames of the mystery-writing world."

Morton's love of mystery started as a kid. Weaned on Enid Blyton's classic Famous Five series, she later become fascinated with the literary Gothic, studying tragedy in Victorian literature as her Master's thesis at University of Queensland. She was drawn to books by the Brontë Sisters in which "secrets and mysteries from the past can't be repressed and they come back to haunt those characters in the present."

Even The Lake House's setting is a nod to classic BritLit: the isolated region of Cornwall and its dramatic moors and cliffs served as the background for some of Daphne du Maurier's most famous stories. Morton says, "I wanted somewhere where it seemed possible that an abandoned house could be consumed by nature."

Before the publication of Morton's first published novel in 2006, The House at Riverton — about a servant who keeps a society family's secret hidden for decades — she had shopped around two manuscripts with no luck. As a new mom, she had made peace with the fact that writing might just be a hobby. "That's why that book doesn't subscribe to any genre in particular. It was really written to my own taste," Morton says.

"In retrospect, it's not surprising that's the one people responded to because it's really heartfelt and genuine."

Regardless of where her novels are slotted or what genre is considered in vogue, Morton says she'll continue to write what interests and pleases her the most.

"I try to create a world that I can disappear inside," she says, "and I have to trust that means that readers will want to disappear into that world as well."

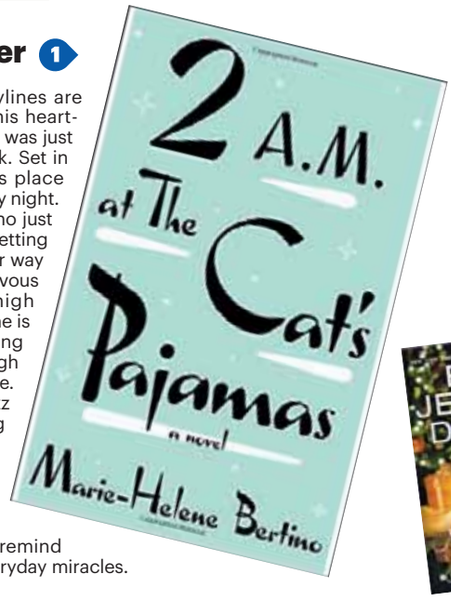
Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

Australian author Kate Morton's five books have sold more than 10 million copies worldwide. DAVIN PATTERSON

4 HOLIDAY BOOKS MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT

Quality family time is part of what makes the holiday season so special, but sometimes you just need to escape for a bit and get some quality alone time. Sneak away and curl up with one of these new holiday-themed books. You'll re-emerge ready to let the festivities carry on. All quick reads, they're also perfect to get lost in while you're travelling **EMILY LAURENCE/METRO IN NEW YORK**

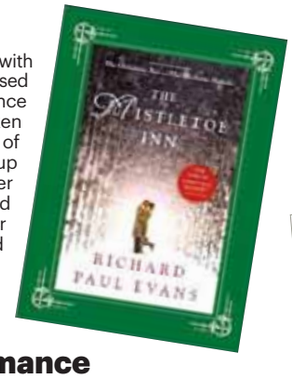
Heart warmer 1



Three different storylines are woven together in this heart-warming story, which was just released in paperback. Set in Philadelphia, it takes place over one extraordinary night. Sarina is a teacher who just moved home, after getting divorced. She's on her way to a dinner party, nervous about seeing her high school crush. Madeline is a nine-year-old aspiring jazz musician with high hopes for Christmas Eve. Lorca owns a local jazz club, but is struggling to pay the rent. He'll need a Christmas miracle to keep it open. You'll enjoy seeing how everything plays out and it will remind you of life's small, everyday miracles.

Love story 2

The author of The Christmas Box is back with another enjoyable love story. Kimberly used to dream of becoming a famous romance novelist, but she's had her heart broken so many times that she's on the verge of giving up on love, let alone mustering up the energy to write about it. To get her inspiration back, she decides to spend Christmas at a writing retreat where her heart is opened in ways she never could have imagined.

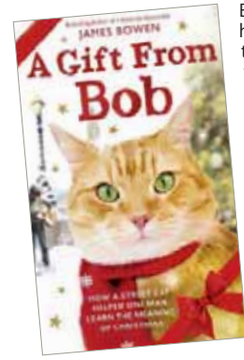


3 Steamy romance

If you're looking for something extra steamy to keep you warm, reach for this enticing new romance novel and sequel to 2003's Naughty or Nice. It's about three adult sisters, all dealing with their own complicated romantic conundrums. Though their family is tight-knit, each hides her own dark secret, and as secrets often do, these ones won't stay hidden for long.

4 Cat rescues man

If you loved James Bowen's New York Times bestseller A Street Cat Named Bob, you'll love this inspiring story just as much. This book is about a time during the holidays when Bowen was a struggling street musician. The streets were cold and Bowen didn't have anywhere to go or much to eat. When an abandoned cat, Bob, came into his life, it motivated him to keep living and not give up. The holidays can be a rough time, but hope comes in unexpected ways.



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Murray gets very merry

HOLIDAY VIEWING

Writer Mitch Glazer hopes show becomes an annual gig

Bill Murray doesn't do schmaltz.

But the Scrooged star does love the holidays, says screenwriter Mitch Glazer, who teamed up with his longtime pal for the Netflix-produced A Very Murray Christmas.

Consider the star-studded special a heartfelt ode to the season, delivered with the charismatic swagger of Murray's Saturday Night Live alter-ego Nick the Lounge Singer — without the cheese.

"He's just never going to let something be false sentimental," Glazer says in a recent phone call from Los Angeles. "He has huge heart and he comes from a family of nine and he's got six sons of his own, so Christmas is real to him in a non-commercial, non-sentimental way."

Glazer says A Very Murray Christmas is the result of years of spitballing ideas for some kind of TV musical special.

It came together when he and Murray settled on a Christmas theme and their director pal Sofia Coppola suggested a piano bar scene at New York's sumptuous Carlyle hotel. Glazer was tasked with crafting the story: Murray is helming a live TV variety show but a massive snowstorm prevents any of the guests from arriving.

Bill Murray as himself, in a scene from Netflix's original holiday special A Very Murray Christmas. ALI GOLDSTEIN/NETFLIX VIA AP

The trio came up with a festive musical set list and mused on their dream cast. Murray pulled out his phone and started calling in the cameos. "The first two people that Bill called on his cellphone were George Clooney and Chris Rock and literally just before he gets a sentence deep into it ... both of them were like, 'We're in. We're coming.' They just wanted to be a part of it," says Glazer.

Other friends soon joined the party, including Murray's SNL pal Paul Shaffer, his Scrooged co-star (and New York Dolls frontman) David Johansen, Coppola's cousin Jason Schwartzman, Arrested Development co-star Michael Cera, former SNL comic Maya Rudolph, Parks and Recreation alums Amy Poehler and Rashida Jones, and Coppola's husband Thomas Mars and his band Phoenix.

Almost all put their vocal chops on display, including Clooney, who provides rousing backup on Albert King's funk classic Santa Claus Wants Some Lovin'. "Not only is he singing but he's doing a style of rhythm-and-blues singing that was popular and big in the '70s as sung by Earth Wind & Fire," Shaffer notes of the Gravity star, who appeared with Murray in The Monuments Men.

"I remember being in the house band of Saturday Night Live and trying to sing like that and there he is doing it."

Clooney, of course, showed up in a tux "and looked beautiful," recalls Glazer.

"I don't think he considers himself a great vocalist but he's got a lot of style," he chuckles.

The screenwriter says he would love to do it all again next year, and maybe again the year after that. "Personally, Bill and I have talked about it and Sofia, we had such a good time doing it," he says. "Andy Williams and Dean Martin did them every year. It was good fun. I would love to do another."

A Very Murray Christmas debuts Friday on Netflix.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

POLICE DRAMA

New Criminal Minds spinoff announced

CBS has announced that it will premiere Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders on March 2 next year. This new series will be bolstered by the fact that it will be screened in the time slot immediately after the original Criminal Minds.

Having created successful franchises from CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (now cancelled) and NCIS, CBS has moved on to Criminal Minds, a series that is currently in its 11th season in the U.S. To lead this new spin-off, the most watched network in the country set its sights on the former boss of CSI: New York, Gary Sinise.

The actor came to prominence in the 1990s with his role in Forrest Gump. His character in this new series, Jack Garrett, will lead a team of profilers for the FBI. His division will consist of agents enlisted to help American citizens in trouble abroad. The former Lieutenant Dan Taylor will work with a team that includes Tyler James Williams (Everybody Hates Chris), Daniel Henney (Hawaii 5-0), Alana De la Garza (CSI: Miami) and Annie Funke (The Intern).

Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders is not the first spin-off from the Criminal Minds series. CBS tried a similar project in 2011, encouraged by the success of the many spin-offs of NCIS and CSI. But Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior did not encounter the success that was hoped for, despite featuring Forest Whitaker.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

Crazy Ex Girlfriend is a musical romantic comedy that laughs at itself. HANDOUT

This musical is the right kind of crazy

CRAZY EX GIRLFRIEND, SEASON 2, EPISODE 3 (GLOBAL), THE SCISSORS SONG

Rebecca (Rachel Bloom), a love-starved lawyer who's relocated to sterile West Covina, CA — the home of her ex-boyfriend — confesses to her new pal Paula (Donna Lynne Champlin) that she's afraid to throw a party. The lights dim. Paula begins singing what sounds like a typical empowerment ballad: "Face your fears/Stare them down/ Don't be scared/Stand your ground." A few bars in, however, the lyrics take a turn: "If you're in a burning building/And smoke is everywhere/Keep calm, take a deep breath/And stay right there!" Rebecca protests ("Really?"), but Paula, with enough self-seriousness to make Celine Dion blush, takes no notice. As a chorus of children runs in with scissors, she keeps belting: "You can fly, fly out of a window, fly out of a building, just believe in yourself!"

Injecting new life into old genres is tough in our post-reality-show era. Several series are trying to do it with irony — ironic telenovela (Jane the Virgin), ironic slasher-horror (Scream Queens, starring slasher legend Jamie Lee Curtis). I admit, my heart sank at the prospect of this, an ironic romantic-comedy-musical. But its creators, Bloom and Aline Brosh McKenna (screenwriter of The Devil Wears Prada), won me over. Their writing has wit; they've hired actors with Broadway chops; and they've hate-lovingly studied pop culture tropes (check out the "Sexy Getting Ready Song" in episode one).

So Crazy Ex Girlfriend succeeds as both you-go-girl story and the ultimate send-up of you-go-girl stories. It lets us mock our cupcakes and eat them, too.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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Iggy responds to Badu diss

Iggy Azalea is no stranger to social media fiascos, which may be why her Twitter followers haven't heard from the rapper since Nov. 1. But being a trending topic can have an effect, as Azalea made an online comeback this week to respond to Erykah Badu's mocking of her at the Soul Train Awards that went viral.

"We are days from 2016, but I came online today and saw it's still cool to try and discredit my 2014 accomplishments," Azalea tweeted. "F—ing hell. Seems exhausting. Anyway, I've been enjoying the holiday season and I hope you all have, too." NED EHRBAR/METRO

Court to decide if Gollum a bad guy

A Turkish court overseeing the case of a doctor accused of insulting President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has ruled that a committee of experts should assess whether the fictional Lord of the Rings character Gollum is good or bad.

Bilgin Ciftci faces up to two years in prison for allegedly insulting a state official by

juxtaposing pictures (above) of Gollum and Erdogan on social media.

Lawyer Hicran Danisman told the AP Wednesday that she was forced to argue in court this week that "Gollum is not a bad character" because she got "nowhere" with a defence case based on freedom of expression. Danisman said that prompted the judge to rule that a committee, including psychologists and movie experts, should provide an assessment of Gollum's character. Trial was adjourned until Feb. 23. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ADOPTION

Bullock shows off new baby in People exclusive

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

So remember in late October when a reporter congratulated Sandra Bullock on adopting a little girl and Bullock insisted the story was totally untrue? Yeah, not so much.

"If I had a second adopted child, everyone would be hearing about it," she said. And well, everyone's hearing about it now. It turns out she was just waiting for the exclusive deal she'd given People magazine to announce the news.

"When I look at Laila, there's no doubt in my mind that she was supposed to be here," Bullock says of her new daughter, whom she's now willing to admit she's adopted. "I can tell you absolutely, the exact right children came to me at the exact right time." Laila joins her first adopted child, Louis, who is apparently already all about the whole being a big brother thing.

"Louis spearheaded this whole journey," she says. And that's a lot of responsibility for a five-year-old. While I'm thrilled for Bullock and her family, I do wonder how long it will take for me to be able to trust her again.

Zuckerberg's $45 billion philanthropic bid stuns

CHARITY

Facebook CEO commits 99 per cent of stockholdings

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg is shaking up yet another sector — the charity world — with his surprise announcement that he and his wife will devote the bulk of their wealth, or about $45 billion, to philanthropic works.

The move will eventually put him and his wife, Priscilla Chan, in the same philanthropic echelon as Bill and Melinda Gates. It also involves a new type of philanthropic structure that differs from traditional foundations, although details remain scarce.

Zuckerberg made his pledge on Facebook in celebration of his daughter Max's birth.

The Zuckerbergs said Tuesday they will, over time, commit 99 per cent of their Facebook stockholdings to such causes as fighting disease, improving education and "building strong communities." The couple had previously pledged to give away at least half their assets during their lifetime, but hadn't provided specifics.

The announcement stunned the charity world. The new organization, called the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, will pursue its initiatives through a combination of charitable donations, private investment and promotion of government-policy reform.

By comparison, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has an endowment of just over $41 billion, which includes wealth donated by the Microsoft founder and his friend, the businessman Warren Buffett.

The new initiative will be organized as a limited liability company rather than as a nonprofit foundation. "They want the most flexibility and they are going to use a wide variety of activities to achieve their mission," Rachael Horwitz, a Facebook spokeswoman, said via email. "So in that way this is not a foundation nor is it entirely charitable."

Zuckerberg and Chan with daughter Max. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The notion of investing money in companies that tackle social issues isn't new, but it has gained more currency among a younger generation of philanthropists, particularly in the tech world.

In the letter to their daughter, Zuckerberg and Chan described their goals as "advancing human potential and promoting equality." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cities on the rise

The Claridge Icon condominiums will be one of the tallest residential buildings in Ottawa at 485 feet high. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

CONDO TRENDS

Tall condos are transforming skylines across the country

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada

Skyscraper condominiums are the norm in major urban centres across the globe. Many Canadian cities are experiencing an urban renaissance with high-density, highrise communities in the central downtown cores. This week, Metro takes a look at Canada's tallest condos.

A bold Icon

In the nation's capital, things are moving skyward. The Claridge Icon condominiums will reach 485 feet high with 45 storeys and 320 suites, making it one of the tallest residential buildings in the city. Icon is located at the intersection of Carling and Preston, near Centretown.

The bold, geometric edifice is designed by renowned Canadian architects Hariri Pontarini. At street level, the light-filled podium displays a subtle offset design, with cantilevered sections giving the illusion of shifting and expanding.

'Urban renewal'

In the west, Winnipeg is also on the way up. SkyCity Centre will be a mixed-use tower in the heart of downtown Winnipeg. Rising 45 storeys high, it is projected to be the tallest tower between Toronto and Calgary, with 388 residential units, 60,000 sq. ft. of office space and 20,000 sq. ft. of retail.

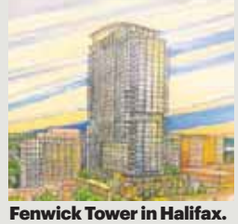
In September, Fortress Real Developments opened the doors to a million-dollar presentation centre for the SkyCity condominium suites. "Winnipeg's downtown is a heritage gold mine, but the addition of modern residential apartments of all sizes is needed to fill in the gaps," according to Ben Myers, senior vice-president of market research at Fortress.

"I would say Winnipeg is in the second inning of their urban renewal, and success at SkyCity will really be a catalyst for getting people excited about living downtown again," says Myers.

The 45-storey SkyCity Centre in Winnipeg will have nearly 400 residential units as well as office and retail space.

ACROSS CANADA

Halifax
Fenwick Tower by Templeton Properties is a residential apartment building in the heart of south-end Halifax, between Fenwick and South streets. It's the city's tallest building at 33 stories and 275 units, and the tallest residential building east of Montreal.



Fenwick Tower in Halifax.

Toronto
Canderel Residential just released their new penthouse suites high above Yonge Street in downtown Toronto. "While Aura at College Park is Canada's tallest condominium, it was also regarded as one of the country's fastest-selling condominium launches," says Riz Dhanji, Canderel's VP of sales and marketing.

Calgary
3 Eau Claire is an urban condo development located at 3 Avenue Southwest, steps from the Bow River Pathway, Prince's Island Park and the downtown core. At 48 storeys it will be one of the tallest condos in Calgary.

Edmonton
The Pearl is a 36-storey condominium tower currently under construction in the Oliver neighbourhood of Edmonton. The building promises to augment the city skyline with curved glass walls, a signature lobby and a wellness centre.

Vancouver
The Melville is a highrise residential tower located at 1189 Melville St., in the Coal Harbour neighbourhood. At 122 metres, it's the sixth tallest building in the city, and the tallest fully residential building in western Canada.

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Karl Lohnes
For Metro Canada

Know someone with a new kitchen (or someone who loves spending time there)? Look for gifts that suit how they use their kitchen, from the constant entertainer to the serious cook.

The two big kitchen colours for 2016 are copper and red so add a little style to someone's kitchen this Christmas with the gifts you give. Spend a lot or spend a little; but these pairings belong together.

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TIPS

Moving into a new home? Get some Apartment Therapy

You could be forgiven for thinking that Apartment Therapy isn't exactly beginner-friendly. For as warm and inviting as the popular site is, it pretty much invented the genre of house porn. Each featured space is more gorgeous than the next, right down to the perfectly curated clutter and suspiciously well-groomed dogs.

That said, founder and "apartment therapist" Maxwell Ryan firmly believes that you don't need a master's degree in interior design to create a beautiful, inspiring space of your own. His latest book, Apartment Therapy: Complete + Happy Home, starts at the very, very beginning — before you've signed a lease or written a down payment check, when hanging that gallery wall is the absolute least of your concerns.

Want to go home to one of the swoon-worthy abodes featured in the book's second section? Start by taking Ryan's first-stage tips.

THE FIRST 24 HOURS
Take it easy the night of the move — but the one thing you should attend to ASAP? The smoke alarm. Check the batteries before you even put sheets on the bed.

First night in a new place: Forget breaking out the cookware — splurge a little and order in to celebrate, says Apartment Therapy site founder Maxwell Ryan. ISTOCK

1. Shop discerningly
Before you sign anything, pay close attention to the big picture, not simply the space itself. A big red flag for renters? When the apartment looks nice, but the building's common areas are in disrepair. "This can mean that only the cosmetics of the space are being kept up, but the maintenance of what you can't see might be lacking and potentially cause problems," says Ryan. If you're buying, take a good, long look at both the block and the area. "Think about the health of the surrounding neighborhood, not just the piece of property you are considering," he cautions. "How do the homes around the home you might buy look? Are there more than one or two for sale? Are the businesses close by ones that you would consider using? Do they seem like they are thriving?"

2. Move smart
Moving should be exciting, not panic-attack-inducing. To cut down on the stress, plan ahead, and plan for the worst. "Take an extra day or two off from work right around moving day," suggests Ryan. "Last-minute packing will be less stressful, and running errands for the things that you end up needing for the new place — that always crop up, no matter what — will be much more enjoyable when you aren't rushed or exhausted after a day at work."

3. Decorate slowly
Although moving is a great opportunity to explore your personal style and create a beautiful living space, don't rush anything. "You want to take your time and shop thoughtfully," says Ryan. "It's always best to live in a place for a bit before making any major design decisions or purchases so you aren't tempted to start scooping up things impulsively that might not make you happy long-term." METRO U.S.

TIME WARP

Ryan's advice for furniture shoppers: "The style of a space and the style of your furniture and decor can be opposites," he says. "In fact, sometimes the push and pull between eras is exactly what makes an interior interesting and memorable. Modern furnishings in a room with vintage architectural details is fabulous, just as antique pieces can be in a streamlined, crisp, contemporary home."

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New York Jets cornerback Darrelle Revis is still in the NFL's concussion protocol, leaving his status uncertain for Sunday against the Giants

Buono hopes to restore Lions' winning ways

CFL

Tedford resigns as head coach after just one season

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

The name Jeff Tedford started trending on Twitter around 9 a.m. PT on Wednesday morning.

After recent speculation about his future with the B.C. Lions, the news was made official: Tedford resigned as head coach in order to pursue opportunities down south in college football.

Wally Buono is once again the Leos' head coach.

Tedford was hired last December — Christmas had come early to the Lions, Buono famously boasted — and now, less than a year later, he is gone following a 7-11 season.

Now, Buono is back on the sidelines.

Did he — or the shadow he cast as the league's all-time winningest coach — ever really leave? He could always be seen watching practice like a hawk while the coaching staves of Mike Benevides and then Tedford worked under Buono's sharpened eye.

"I don't have to do this," said Buono.

"I'm choosing to do this because I want do what I do. My job is to put a winning product on the field and that's what I do."

> **"I'm afraid of losing. That's what drives me. Losing causes me a tremendous amount of fear.**
> Wally Buono

The product on the football field hasn't done much winning since the 2011 Grey Cup. Since then, two head coaches have come and gone. Buono remains.

There are discussions underway between Buono and the club about a contract extension into 2018 as the franchise eventually redevelops a succession plan for a potential future coach.

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Number of Grey Cups Buono has won as a coach.

Jeff Tedford, right, was hired by Wally Buono and the Lions last December.
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Buono said that Tedford had an option in his contract to resign. On Tuesday, the club received notice of that resignation.

Offensive co-ordinator George Cortez also will not be back.

Wednesday's news now leaves the Lions facing a multitude of challenges both for the short-term and long-term future of the franchise.

As for the criticism or repercussions that could come his way, especially if this backfires and the Lions' losing ways continue, Buono tried to come off as confident — "I'll take the knife in the back if I have to" — that he'll be able to shoulder it.

"Am I afraid of being criticized? I've been criticized all my life," said Buono.

"Here's what I'm afraid of: I'm afraid of losing. That's what drives me. Losing causes me a tremendous amount of fear.

"Nothing good comes out of losing."

STAMPEDERS

Cornish calls it a career

Calgary Stampeders running back Jon Cornish announced his retirement Wednesday after nine CFL seasons, three rushing titles and two Grey Cup rings.

The New Westminster native was the CFL's leading rusher and top Canadian from 2012 to 2014. But he was limited to just nine games in each of the last two seasons due to injuries.

"I'm very comfortable with my decision," said Cornish, 31. "Over the years with this team, I feel we've been able to achieve everything that is possible to achieve both as a team and as an individual."

Jon Cornish
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cornish broke Normie Kwong's 56-year-old single-season rushing record for a Canadian with 1,457 yards in 2012.

Cornish broke his own record the following year with 1,813 rushing yards and was named the CFL's most outstanding player. That season he became the first CFL player to win the Lou Marsh Trophy, awarded by The Toronto Star to Canada's top athlete, since Russ Jackson in 1969.

Cornish finished his career as the fourth-leading rusher in Stampeders history with 6,844 yards.

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Sutter's loss comes just at wrong time

INJURY UPDATE

With Canucks struggling, vet centre will be sorely missed

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

The struggles for the Vancouver Canucks, back from another disappointing road trip that ended with another overtime loss, continued Wednesday with news Brandon Sutter is out four to six weeks after sports hernia surgery.

The team announced Sutter had successful surgery Tuesday. The 26-year-old centre, acquired in a trade with Pittsburgh this summer, hasn't played since Nov. 10 against the Columbus Blue Jackets.

"Following a period of treatment and evaluation our medical team determined that the best course of action for Brandon was to perform this procedure," said general manager Jim Benning in a statement. "The surgery was successful and we expect a full recovery."

Sutter's offensive production slowed prior to his injury, with only one point — a goal against Columbus the night he was hurt — in his last seven games before coming out of the lineup.

Where he's been missed of late is on the penalty kill.

Sutter already has one shorthanded goal this season, and has the best goals-against per 60 minutes (GA60) rating on the Canucks for players with at least 25 minutes ice time in a five-on-four penalty-killing situation, according to stats.hockeyanalysis.com.

He was averaging 2:06 of ice time per game on the penalty kill, a sore spot for Vancouver, sitting 23rd in the NHL at just 77.6 per cent.

In the 10 games Sutter has been out, the Canucks have given up power play goals in nine of those, for an overall total of 11 goals.

With Sutter out, it's also meant an increased role for sophomore Bo Horvat, who has been used as a second-line centre. He recently admitted it's a big jump given he was just a 19-year-old rookie last season. Initially the plan this summer was for Sutter to provide another veteran up the middle, reducing the burden on Horvat as he continued to develop and gradually take on a greater role.

Brandon Sutter's Canucks teammates are really feeling his absence. SERGEI BELSKI/USA TODAY SPORTS

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The Canuck also recalled forward Ronalds Kenins from the Utica Comets.

Kenins turned heads last season down in Utica with a tireless work ethic and physical style, earning him a call to the Canucks. He finished the year in Vancouver, but struggled to bring that same punishing presence in September's training camp, promptly landing him back in the minors.

NHL

Hellebuyck on top in battle of rookies

Drew Stafford scored twice and Connor Hellebuyck won the showdown of the rookie goaltenders as the Winnipeg Jets defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs 6-1 on Wednesday.

Hellebuyck made 32 saves in his second NHL game, following up a 3-1 victory he recorded against Minnesota on Nov. 27.

Leafs rookie Garret Sparks was also playing his second pro game and stopped 29 of the 35 shots he faced. He had backstopped Toronto to a 3-0 win over Edmonton on Monday.

Stafford's linemate, centre Mark Scheifele, had a goal and two assists, while Jets captain Andrew Ladd, Bryan Little and Anthony Peluso also scored. Mathieu Perrault picked up a pair of assists.

Michael Grabner had his first goal of the season for Toronto (8-12-5) in his 23rd game.

WEDNESDAY In Winnipeg

JETS	LEAFS
6	1

The Leafs took advantage of a loose puck to score the game's first goal. The Jets tied it up six minutes later after Scheifele carried the puck down the ice and made a long backhand pass to a hard-skating Stafford who sent a backhand shot over Sparks.

Stafford's second goal of the game was scored from a sharp angle at 17:32.

Scheifele notched his ninth of the season at 1:25 of the third period. Ladd followed up 78 seconds later with a shot over Sparks's shoulder before Little and Peluso rounded off the rout.

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NHL IN BRIEF

Halak closes the door on Rangers in shootout win

Kyle Okposo scored the only goal in the shootout to lift the New York Islanders to a 2-1 victory over the cross-town-rival New York Rangers on Wednesday. John Tavares scored in regulation and Jaroslav Halak had 33 saves through overtime and then stopped all three Rangers attempts in the shootout.

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Predators lose veteran Fisher for four games

The Predators have placed centre Mike Fisher on injured reserve with a lower-body injury that will keep him out of Nashville's next four games. Fisher was injured Tuesday in a 5-2 win over Arizona.

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Struggling Bernier headed down to the farm

The Toronto Maple Leafs are sending goaltender Jonathan Bernier on a minor-league conditioning stint. Coach Mike Babcock said that Bernier would go to the AHL's Toronto Marlies for 10 days once starter James Reimer is healthy. Bernier is 0-8-1 this season.

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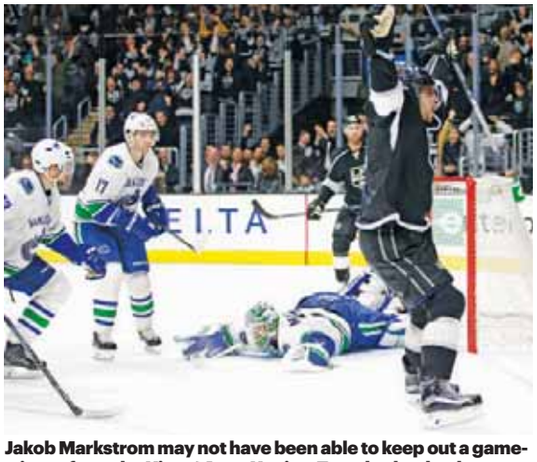
Zibanejad hit sees Gudas suspended three games

Philadelphia Flyers defenceman Radko Gudas was suspended for three games by the NHL Department of Player Safety on Wednesday for an illegal check to the head of Senators forward Mika Zibanejad. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Jakob Markstrom may not have been able to keep out a game-winner from the Kings' Anze Kopitar Tuesday but he deserves more time to prove his worth. JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GOALIE DILEMMA

Time to water Markstrom, sink or swim

THE HOCKEY NEWS
Ronnie Shuker

Poor Jacob Markstrom. The kid can't buy a break.

After stopping 38 of 40 shots against the LA Kings Tuesday, many of the high-danger variety, Markstrom showed the potential he has. And yet, he isn't getting many opportunities to prove he can do it consistently.

One has to wonder when the Canucks front office is going to give him a chance. A real chance. Currently, he's playing on average about once a week. The rest of the time, he's been watching Ryan Miller fail miserably at earning his $6 million annual salary.

Since starting the season 3-0-1, with a 0.96 goals-against average and a .955 save percentage, Miller has gone 4-8-5, with a 2.96 GAA and an .899 SP.

At 6-foot-6 and nearly 200 pounds, Markstrom is a tantalizing talent who thus far hasn't panned out as a prospect. With him turning 26 in January, time is running out for the Canucks to see what they have in him. You can't sink or swim if no one throws you in water.

The stubbornness of the Canucks to stick with Miller is both ruining the team's (slim) chances of making the post-season and at the same time ruining the development of Markstrom, who can't take the next step if he doesn't get the playing time to prove himself.

It's time to hand Markstrom the No. 1 reins and see what he can do. He can't possibly play any worse than Miller has since his hot start. Why not let Markstrom run with starter's job and see what Canucks have in him?

At worst, they continue to tread water like they have been doing with Miller for all but the first four games of the season. At best, they get a goalie who can steal them some games like Markstrom nearly did Tuesday.

At some point, the Canucks have to put the long-term goals of the organization ahead of their short-term promises to fans to push for the playoffs. Miller is not the future of the franchise in net. Is Markstrom? No one knows for sure. But it's time to find out one way or the other.

Curry too hot for Hornets

NBA

Warriors' star pours in 40 as Golden State make it 20-0

Charlotte Hornets broadcaster Dell Curry told his son before Wednesday night's game, "do not ruin my night."

"He didn't make any guarantees," Curry said with a smile.

Actually, Stephen Curry ignored his father altogether.

The reigning MVP scored 40 points in three quarters and the Golden State Warriors easily defeated the Hornets 116-99 to extend the best start in NBA history to 20-0.

On a night when the Hornets honoured Dell Curry, the franchise's career scoring leader, with a "key to Buzz City," it was his oldest son who stole the spotlight by hitting 14 of 18 shots from the field and going 8 for 11 from 3-point range.

Stephen Curry, who grew up in Charlotte and starred at nearby Davidson College, scored 28 points in the pivotal third quarter, including his team's final 24. He hit 10 of 11 shots from the field, including all five 3s — many from well beyond the arc and in the face of a defender — to help the Warriors build a 21-point cushion.

He sat out the entire fourth quarter due to the big lead and didn't get a shot to break his career high of 54. He said the 20-0 start to the season seems surreal.

"It doesn't even sound right," he said. "In the NBA, with so many good players and good teams, to be able to put on a run like this is special. We don't always play our best but we find ways to win. That's the strength of our team."

Nicolas Batum led Charlotte with 17 points and eight rebounds. Klay Thompson had 15 of his 21 points in the first quarter as the Warriors bolted to an early 15-point lead.

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WEDNESDAY in Charlotte

WARRIORS	HORNETS
116	99

Warriors' Stephen Curry was in fine form against the Hornets at the Time Warner Cable Arena. KENT SMITH/NBAE/GETTY IMAGES

Lowry the catalyst for Raps comeback

Kyle Lowry scored 22 of his season-high 31 points in the fourth quarter, DeMar DeRozan added 17 points and the Toronto Raptors rallied from 17 down in the third to beat the Atlanta Hawks 96-86 on Wednesday night.

Lowry overcame flu-like symptoms that forced him from the game in the second period. He returned to begin the third, but didn't build momentum until the fourth when Toronto outscored the Hawks 39-20.

Lowry was too quick off the dribble, running circles around Atlanta's defence go to 7 for 8 from the field on a variety of shots. The Raptors, who have won five of six, scored just 32 points in the first half.

Atlanta led by 17 midway through the third before the Raptors went on a 33-15 run to go up 74-73 on Lowry's fast-break layup with 6:28 remaining. It was Toronto's first lead since late in the first. Paul Millsap scored 14 points for the Hawks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEDNESDAY in Atlanta

RAPTORS	HAWKS
96	86

IN BRIEF

Sixers suspend Okafor

The Philadelphia 76ers said Wednesday night they are immediately suspending centre Jahlil Okafor for two games, expressing disappointment for recent behaviour including a fight outside a Boston nightclub and reckless driving.

Sixers officials said in a statement before the team's game against the Knicks in New York that they will provide resources and support to help him succeed on and off the court.

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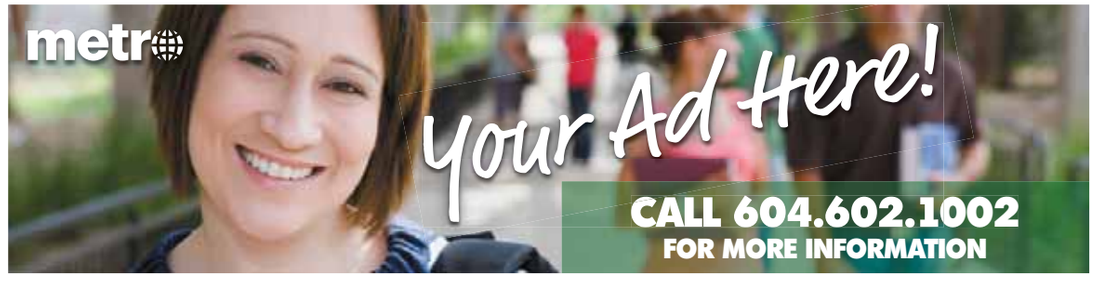

RECIPE Tuna Casserole

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Can #throwbackthursday apply to a recipe? If so, this would be ours. It's a feel-good, not quite straight out of the '50s dinner you're going to love.

Ready in
Prep time: 25 minutes
Serves 6

Ingredients
- 500g package of whole wheat penne or macaroni
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 cups cremini mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 1 leek, cleaned well and thinly sliced
- 3 Tbsp flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1 Tbsp dijon mustard
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1 Tbsp dried thyme
- 3 cans good quality tuna, drained and rinsed
- 1 1/2 cups Gruyere, grated

Directions
1. Cook pasta 2 minutes less than package instructions and drain.
2. In a large pan with olive oil, sauté mushroom and leeks until they begin to soften, about 5 minutes. Sprinkle flour over mushrooms and leeks, stir and cook for 1 minute. Whisk in milk and allow to thicken, 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in mustard and season with salt and pepper after tasting. Add the tuna, frozen peas and thyme.
3. Add cooked pasta to the tuna mixture, stir and turn off heat. Pour the mixture into a casserole. Sprinkle cheese over top and pop into the oven and broil for 3 to 5 minutes or until the cheese bubbles and turns brown.

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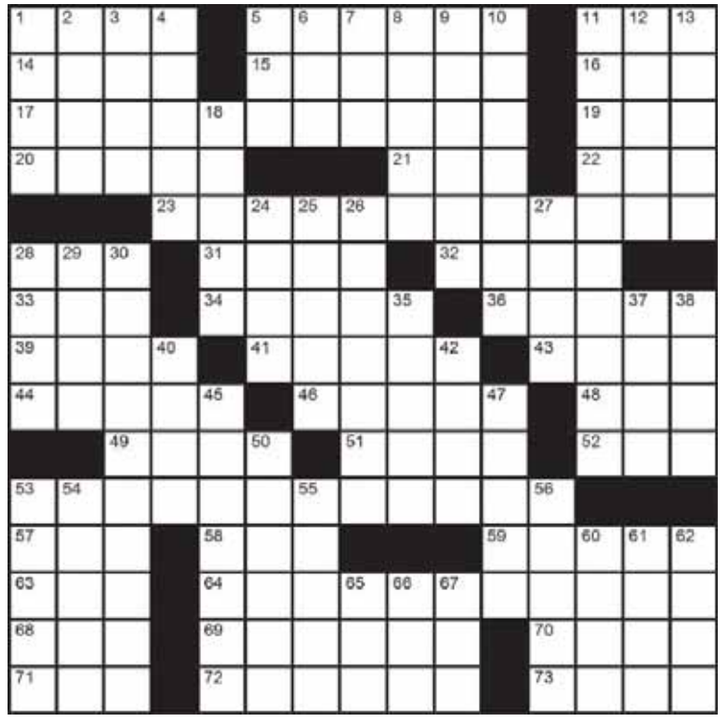

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19. Year: Spanish
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21. Canada's currency, curtly
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23. Months and Meals... Canadian tradition launched in 1974 - the 2016 one is now out: 2 wds.
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39. Jimmy __ (Shoe designer)
41. Outlandish outfit: 2 wds.
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48. 'Fact' finisher
49. Vancouver Canucks
51. Princess __ _ day (Bride's dream)
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57. Saint John Airport code
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63. Irish actor Stephen
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73. Archery woods

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6. Writer Mr. Lawrence, et al.
7. "Well, __-di-dah!"
8. Actress Ms. Valli
9. Fashion's Ms. McCartney
10. Royal __ Museum (Dinosaur remains attraction in Alberta)
11. Audience appreciations for outstanding performances, fun-style: 2 wds.
12. Miami Sound Machine tune
13. Koh-_-__ Diamond
18. Paper fasteners
24. k.d.'s last name
25. Pew prayer's supports
26. Endorse
27. Quebec water brand
28. Candle's cord
29. Comic actress Madeline
30. Music style for Alfie Zappacosta: 2 wds.
35. Extra education instructor
37. Agnus __ (Mass prayers)
38. Finds the sum
40. Margarine
42. South American country
45. Celebrity chef Emeril
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53. Ms. Loy
54. Plant _ __ and watch it grow
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56. Brawny
60. Ireland
61. Boat part
62. Hardens
65. Baton Rouge sch.
66. Five Guys Named __ (Stage musical)
67. Clip-__ (Non-pierced earrings)

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You feel you should be doing more, you feel you should be pushing yourself harder — and you're right. You have been lazy of late and you need to make up for wasted chances.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Don't take what others say too seriously because among all the good advice there is sure to be something designed to trip you up. Not everyone you work with is on your side.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Everyone wants something from you. Everyone wants you to give. Maybe you need to remind them that you have a life of your own and don't have to be at their beck and call every minute of the day. Be brutal.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
There may be many things you want to change in your life but this isn't the right time. Consolidate what you have got rather than go out and get something more.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You may be reluctant to admit that you got it wrong and said things that were untrue but if you want to salvage a friendship that is what you must do. Apologize with good grace.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Put petty disputes behind you and give others the benefit of the doubt. Some things are worth getting worked up about but the planets warn that what you are getting emotional over is not worth it.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If life seems a bit too tame it could be because you are not setting targets that test your abilities. It's fun to drift along but already you are getting bored with the easy life.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You need to decide what it is you want most out of life and focus all your energies in that single direction. Forget about what might have been because it is what still can be that matters.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There may be important things you could be doing but you must ignore them all and have a good time. Who is going to stop you? Who is going to complain? If it feels good then do it.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Do something that makes you feel alive. It does not matter if it is unproductive — you don't have to be on the make every minute of every day. No one can accuse you of not working hard, so by all means play hard for a while.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You've got a lot of routine chores to do and you are not looking forward to them, but if you knuckle down and get serious you may be surprised by how quickly you get them done.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
If you take on too much today both your body and your mind will regret it. Focus only on those things that have to be done — the rest can wait.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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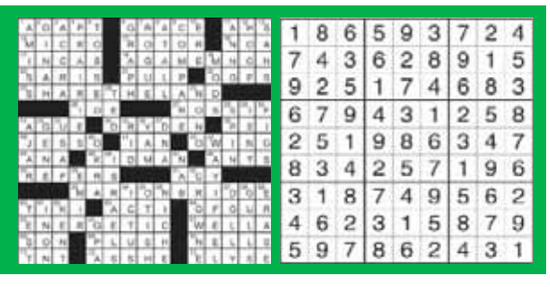

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